

Herne Flyer 2



Knowing Every Child – Inspiring Every Mind



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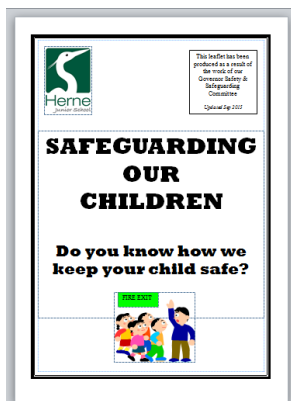
House Captains

On Wednesday (21st), the children have their first house meetings of the year and the focus of this meeting will be to vote in our new House Captains and Vice-House Captains. We know lots of our Year 6 children have been working very hard on their speeches and we wish them all lots of luck as they attempt to persuade their house that they are the best candidate for the job. *Don't forget your speeches for Wednesday Year 6!*

Parent Survey 2016

We were very pleased to see the responses to our parent questionnaire last term and we will publish the full results of this survey next week. Comments have been extremely useful in helping us to identify priorities for 2016-2017 and onwards. A shortlist of priorities that were seen to be important to parents are:

- Parents having a better understanding of how their child was getting on throughout the year
- For the school to have a review of clubs, including after-school child care provision
- Better understanding of how governors help, support and challenge the school



Safeguarding Your Children

We have updated our leaflet for 2016 and will send this out electronically next week. Hard copies will be available, free of charge from our foyer. The main messages in this leaflet are about keeping our children safe by knowing where they are at all times. If a child goes missing in school time (an incredibly rare event) or they are not where a parent or carer has arranged to meet them after school, then we contact the police quite quickly once we've established that the child is not on-site.

Please make sure you know where you intend to meet your child each day and if there are changes to arrangements, please contact the school as soon as you know. The more notice we have, the better. However, we do understand when completely unexpected events happen, like an accident on the A3 causing a hold up, so our default is to say to the children that they must come back into our school to the foyer if their parent isn't where they would usually meet them.

School Crossing Patrol

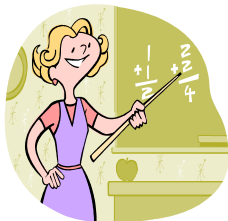
The school crossing patrol service have informed us that they now have a new member of staff on the Pulens Lane crossing, one of our parents, Mrs Jo Hopkins. Well done and thank you, Jo, this is a vitally important job. ☺

Friends of Herne meeting

The next Friends of Herne meeting is next week on **Wednesday 21st September 7-9pm** in the school's staffroom. It would be wonderful to see as many parents as possible. We are currently looking for a new treasurer and a new secretary! The money FoH raise for the school is so important and over the last few years they have brought The Herne Hideout, 64 iPads, New Adventure Play Equipment, The Outdoor Gym....and so much more. The school would be utterly lost without the money FoH generates, please come and support your school on Wednesday. We are looking to fund even more things for the children – watch this space...



Meet the Year Team and an Introduction to the Year Ahead



We are going to be giving Year 4, 5 and 6 parents an opportunity to come in and meet their child's Year Group's Team of Teachers. The meeting will just be a short 15 – 20 minute presentation by the Year Leader about the year ahead and then a chance to ask the teachers any questions or clarify any additional information (children are welcome to come to the meetings as well). If you come to the school office we will direct you to the relevant meeting room. Year 3 parents had their meeting last Tuesday but will be receiving a curriculum letter summarising the information from that session. If any parents cannot make these meetings, don't worry as each year group will be sending curriculum letters home in the next week or two.

Year 6 – Monday 19th September 3.40pm

Year 5 – Tuesday 20th September 3.40pm

Year 4 – Thursday 22nd September 3.40pm

NB: Year 3 have already had their meeting earlier this week.

Friends of Herne News



Friends of Herne Bags2school Friday 7th October 2016

We are pleased to announce that a textile collection with Bag2School has been organised to raise funds for PISA. As well as raising vitally needed funds for our school, it also helps the environment by helping to divert unwanted textiles away from landfill. If you fill the donation bag and still have more, then you can use any other bag to donate your items and don't forget to ask grandparents, friends and neighbours to have a sort out as well! Bags2School would love to accept the following items:

- Men's, Ladies and Children's clothing, Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around), Handbags, Hats, Bags, Scarves and ties, Jewellery, Lingerie, Belts, Soft toys.

But not these items:

- Duvets, bedding, blankets and household linen, Pillows and cushions, Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats), Curtains, Towels, Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing, School uniforms, Corporate clothing and workwear, Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material.

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Tina Allingham Photoshoot 16th October

You will see a flier for the joint Friends of Herne and PISA photoshoot (held in the Herne Hall) which is planned for Sunday 16th October. Please return your form with the payments if you would like to take part in this event.

ParentPay

Just a little reminder to say please remember to ensure your child has enough funds to order a lunch. Their account needs to be in credit to access lunch and snacks. You can set a reminder up on text or email to alert you to a low balance. To all the new Year 3 parents – if you haven't set up your account yet and need some assistance please contact the office.

Parent Governor Vacancies

The two vacancies that were advertised resulted in two applications. We also had two enquiries and if there was another person interested, there is a further chance to join us as a co-opted governor. If there is another person interested in joining us, could you please contact us before the end of next Monday. The best contact is to email – admin@hernejunior.com

Music Lessons

Since last week's Flyer, we have now refreshed the waiting lists and now we have spaces for Violin, Brass and Woodwind tuition! If your child is interested in lessons please contact the office for further details.

Lost Property & Naming Items

Thank you to all of you who had a chance to look through last term's lost property. We will now donate any items to charity or put them in our Bag 2 School collection to help raise funds for the school. One thing that really helps is to properly name (first and surname) any items as we can usually trace them back to their owner. Failing that, any lost property into the future will be in the outdoor store opposite the Herne Hideout.

Calling all stump-grinder owners or mini-digger owners

Over the summer holidays a community service team spend 3 days cutting back a wall of brambles and hazel that had taken over a large section of our field. It is fantastic to have this field area back (and they found 10 school footballs too), however we now have an army of small hazel stumps and other unknown tree stumps littering a section of the field. This has been roped off for safety reasons at this time, but we'd love to re-seed this part of the field to get it back into use. If any parent has access to a small digger or a stump grinder, please come to our rescue. You can pop into the school office, give us a ring or email us on admin@hernejunior.com. Another solution to this issue is to have a small band of volunteers who would be happy to pop into school as and when available to dig out the odd stump or roots, so if you could help with that, we'd be really grateful 😊



DIARY – Autumn Term 2016

September		October	
Sun 18th	Butser Hill Challenge (10.15am running starts approx)	Tues 4th	'Open Day' for new parents
Mon 19th	Year 6 'Meet the Teacher' 3.40pm	Thurs 6th	'Open School' 3.30 – 4.15pm
Tues 20th	Year 5 'Meet the Teacher' 3.40pm	Fri 7th	Bag2School collection FoH
Wed 21st	House Meetings (for the children)	Sat 15th – 16th	Friends of Herne Photo shoot
Wed 21st	Friends of Herne mtg 7-9pm	Fri 21st	School breaks up for Half-term
Thurs 22nd	Year 4 'Meet the Teacher' 3.40pm		

BREAKFAST CLUB PLEA

If you have any Wii controllers and/or Nunchuks that you are not using, we would love you to donate them to our Breakfast Club. Just get in touch to help us out.

Thank you!



SUPERVISORY ASSISTANTS

We would love to receive applications for the role of Supervisory Assistant for our lovely lunchtime team.

If you are interested in finding out more, please contact the school office.

We pay for 5.85 hours per week at over £7 per hour (the Living Wage).



Don't forget...the best gift you can give to your child is support for their reading! Page 4 this week gives adults a list of the sorts of questions to ask your child to check their understanding of what they have read

Questions to ask your child after reading

What has happened in the story so far?

What do you think will happen next?

Who is your favourite character? Why?

Who is the character you like least? Why?

Do you think the author intended you to like / dislike this character? How do you know?

Does your opinion of this character change during the story? How? Why?

Find two things the author wrote about this character that made him / her likeable?

If you met one of the characters from the story, what would you say to him / her?

Which part of the story is your favourite / least favourite? Why?

Would you change any part of the story? How?

Would you change any of the characters? How?

Which part of the story was the funniest/scariest/ saddest/ happiest?

Find some evidence in the text to support your opinion. What is the purpose of this book? How do you know?

Why is this page laid out in this way? Could you improve it?

Pick three favourite words or phrases from this chapter. Can you explain why you chose them?

Did this book make you laugh? Can you explain what was funny and why?

Have you read anything else by this author? Is anything similar? Does this book remind you of anything else? How?

When do you think this book was written? How do you know? Does it matter?

What would it be like if it was written now?

Do you think the title of the book is appropriate? What would you have called it?

What is the genre of the book: sci-fi, mystery, historical, fantasy, adventure, horror, comedy?

What are the features that make you think this? Find two sentences which describe the setting.

Is the plot fast or slow moving? Find some evidence in the text, which supports your view.

If the author had included another paragraph before the story started, what do you think it would say?

Would you like to read another book by this author? Why/ why not?